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METHOD FOR ELECTROLYTIC

COATING OF MATERIALS

WITH ALUMINUM,

MAGNESIUM OR ALUMINUM AND MAGNESIUM ALLOYS

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Unknown

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Unknown

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. National Phase application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.